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Via E-mail

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Subject: Request to hold a Night Hearing in York County, South Carolina
Docket No. 2019-290-WS

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The York County Legislative Delegation requests the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") schedule a Public Night Hearing in York County as soon as practicable to hear from York County customers on the rate increase requested by Blue Granite Water Company, Inc. ("BGWC") in Docket No. 2019-290-WS.

The Application before the Commission contains a proposed increase to water and sewer customers that would result in an increase in revenue of approximately \$12 million. According to the Application, customers living in York County will experience a significant rate increase of approximately 53.64% for water service and 55.65% for sewer service. The requested increase would result in an average water and sewer bills for York County customers that exceed \$200.00 per month.

To add further insult to injury, BGWC indicated, in its Application, that it intends to annually increase rates for water and sewer service purchased from third-party providers through an annual rate adjustment mechanism. York County customers should have an opportunity to provide testimony to the Commission about how this proposed rate increase will negatively impact them and their community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wes Climer".

Senator Wes Climer
York County Legislative Delegation Chairman

cc: Senator Harvey Peeler
Representative Tommy Pope
Representative Bruce Bryant